

WWU Financial Aid & FAFSA Guide

**Apply for 24-25 FAFSA now / 25-26 to open in December
The sooner you submit the FAFSA, the better the options!**

Even before you are admitted to Western....

Begin Your Financial Aid Application Process Now!

- Check out the [Financial Aid Department](#) website**
Search through menu links for helpful tips and resources. (*Monitor site for most current information.*)
- Follow the [Financial Aid Checklist](#)**
To navigate through the various steps of the financial aid process make sure to follow the Financial Aid Checklist carefully. Following this checklist will ensure that you do not miss any crucial steps!
- Undocumented students may fill out the [WASFA](#) instead** (*Washington Application for State Financial Aid*)
Western supports undocumented students who are ineligible to complete the FAFSA due to immigration status. See [Scholarship Center](#) and [Tips for Completing the WASFA](#) pages.

Note: In order to have financial aid begin at the start of your program (Summer 2025), you must submit two FAFSA applications. **Submit both a 2024-2025 FAFSA Application AND a 2025-2026 FAFSA Application.**

- [Summer Financial Aid](#) also requires a short additional application through Western's Financial Aid Dept.

- See [Tips for Completing the FAFSA](#)** (*Free Application for Federal Student Aid*)
Make sure to read this page thoroughly to avoid frequent FAFSA errors.
- Other notes and tips:**
 - Keep exploring the [Financial Aid Department](#) website, including [Frequently Asked Questions](#).
 - Western offers a structured [tuition payment plan](#), three installments per quarter, if you sign up in advance.
- Reach out for help!**
Understanding all the steps of the financial aid process can be complicated. Our experts in the Financial Aid Department are here to help. Your best resource for financial aid questions is always the [Financial Aid Department](#).
 - Schedule an appointment with a financial aid counselor: [Contact or schedule your appointment online](#).
 - Call (360) 650-3470 or email financialaid@wwu.edu.

After you are admitted and confirmed to attend Western....

- Continue to follow the steps on the [Financial Aid Checklist](#)**
- Set up your [Refund Process](#)**
In order to receive excess financial aid disbursements and credit balances you will need to set up your refund preference. For questions, contact the [Student Business Office](#).
- Monitor your Web4U Financial Aid and Scholarships account & Western student email account**
Regularly monitor your Web4U Financial Aid and Scholarships Account in order to track requirements (Eligibility), read active messages (Financial Aid Status), accept your awards (Award), etc... Also make sure to monitor your WWU email account for any messages they may send directly there.